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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJ: POST CEASE-FIRE SITUATION REPORTING

1. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HENCEFORTH BE PREPARING SUBJECT REPORT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE ON A WEEKLY BASIS (FOR SUBMISSION EACH THURSDAY AFTERNOON) INSTEAD OF ON THE PRESENT THREE-TIMES-A-WEEK BASIS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, BEGINNING NEXT WEEK YOU SHOULD TERMINATE THRICE A WEEK SITREP AND SUBMIT THIS REPORT ON A ONCE-A-WEEK BASIS ONLY, TRANSMITTED TO ARRIVE HERE BY 1000 HOURS EACH THURSDAY. WE ENVISAGE THAT PRESENT EMBASSY WEEKLY CEASE-FIRE ASSESSMENT WOULD BECOME YOUR WEEKLY SITREP, WITH SUBMISSION DATE MOVED FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY. THRICE WEEKLY CONGEN SITREPS SHOULD ALSO BE TERMINATED. LEAVE TO EMBASSY'S DECISION WHETHER WEEKLY CONGEN SITREPS SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARMTNET TO PARALLEL EMBASSY'S WEEKLY REPORT. ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL DETAIL PROVIDED IN CONGEN REPORTS WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE HERE.

3. IN ADDITION TO THIS BASIC WEEKLY EFFORT, EMBASSY AND CONGENS SHOULD OF COURSE CONTINUE AMPLE SPOT REPORTING OF
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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS RESPECTING POST CEASE-FIRE SITUATION.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE AT THIS TIME OUR GREAT
APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPERB REPORTING EFFORT BY THE
EMBASSY AND FIELD PERSONNEL OVER THE SEVEN MONTHS SINCE
THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMNT. HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY THESE
THOUGHTS TO ALL CONCERNED.
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